

SLIPPED DOWN
INTO DEPTHSCruiser Yankee Sinks in Deep
Water

AFTER BEING FLOATED

Government Vessel Had Been on Rocks
Three Months, Floated Off Yesterday
Morning.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 5.—The cruiser Yankee which was floated off the rocks yesterday afternoon after being for three months on the Hen and Chicken reef at the entrance to Buzzards bay, sunk at four o'clock this morning in the deep water off the Penikese island. The cause of the sinking was the bursting of a plug in a compartment. Capt. Marsh and the 75 crew members were taken to New Bedford. The vessel lies on an even keel and can easily be raised.

Report comes from the navy department that the work of raising the cruiser will be started at once.

The Yankee got stranded during a fog, and for months her bow has been high and dry at low water. The navy department worked on the vessel for three weeks and it was predicted that she never would be gotten off. During the past month John Arbuckle of New York, with his compressed air apparatus, has been working over the Yankee. The water was blown out of the compartments, making it possible to patch the holes in the bottom made by the rocks. That done, two tugs were hitched on and yesterday afternoon at four o'clock the vessel responded to the pull and floated off the rocks, being towed then, stern first, under the lee of Penikese island, where she anchored.

Capt. Marsh has remained by the Yankee almost constantly since she was first struck, and he has expressed confidence that the vessel could be floated and be made seaworthy.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 5.—The floating of the Yankee is regarded by naval officers here as a distinct triumph for the new compressed air wrecking methods which have been pursued under the direction of John Arbuckle of New York, who tackled the job of raising the vessel after the navy department had practically given it up.

The Yankee was on her way from Cuttyhunk to Newport for coal when she ran on the shoal early in the morning of Sept. 23, during a dense fog. Under Naval Constructors Washington L. Cupps efforts were made to raise the vessel, and she was lightened of everything movable, but the efforts were finally abandoned.

At this juncture John Arbuckle of New York, a well-known sugar refiner and philanthropist, came forward with a proposition to float the vessel by means of compressed air.

FORAKER'S DEFENSE READY.

Statement of Relations with Standard Oil.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Close friends of Senator J. B. Foraker of Ohio are authorized to state that the senator has prepared an exhaustive defense from the attack made upon him during the presidential campaign for his connection as counsel with the Standard Oil company, while serving as United States senator. This is in the form of a speech, but it is believed it will not be used after December 16, when the Senate will take a vote on the Brownsville bill, which were debated last spring. One of these bills is Senator Foraker's own and provides for the reinstatement of the colored battalion of the twenty-fifth infantry on the basis of the innocence of the men of the charge of shooting up the town. The other bill, that of the committee on military affairs, to which Senator Lodge has subscribed, provides for reinstatement upon evidence of innocence satisfactory to the president. It is understood that Senator Foraker's speech on the Standard Oil matter will treat rather warmly of the instigators of the charges against him.

NOT INTERFERING.

Secretary Wilson Is in No Way Making Trouble For Santa Claus.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary Wilson yesterday denied that he was interfering with the work of Santa Claus, as has been charged by dealers in Christmas goods, who claim that on account of the quarantine established by the government in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to prevent disease among cattle it is impossible to secure hay with which to pack toys and other Christmas goods.

The secretary pointed out that there are 42 other states where hay for this purpose can be secured.

The secretary said the suppression of the disease is well in hand, all the infected cattle having been killed and a further census of the four states will be made to ascertain whether by any chance it has been carried into other sections.

HAINES BROTHERS ASK DELAY.

Claim Special Panel of Taxmen Was Not Properly Drawn.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 5.—In an effort to bring about a postponement of the trial of T. Jenkins Haines, who is charged with participation in the murder of Captain Peter Hains in the murder of William E. Annis, counsel for Haines, today obtained from Justice Crane of Queens county an order requiring the district attorney, sheriff, county clerk and commissioner of jurors to show cause on Monday why the entire special panel of taxmen should not be set aside. Counsel for the Haines brothers claim that the special panel was not properly drawn.

IN JEALOUS FIT
KILLED HIS WIFE

John Artin of Granville, Mass., Used
His Shotgun With Effect.

Granville, Mass., Dec. 5.—In a fit of jealous rage John Artin, a recent inmate of the Northampton insane hospital, took his shotgun late yesterday and entering the kitchen where his wife was at work, shot her in the back, killing her instantly. Afterwards he ran into the yard and turned the weapon on himself, the charge of shot carrying away his lower jaw and causing injuries which proved fatal.

The tragedy was enacted in the presence of Artin's five children, who range in age from 10 years to 4 months. The children say that their father entered the kitchen unexpectedly, and as his wife was bending over a basket of clothes he aimed the shotgun and fired, before she was aware of his presence in the room. Artin was moved to the Noble hospital in Westfield, where he died shortly before midnight.

Last June the man showed symptoms of insanity and tried to commit suicide by taking carbolic acid. Prevented from accomplishing his purpose, he was removed to the Northampton hospital, where, after a stay of several months, his condition improved that he was released about two months ago. Since then he has managed the little farm connected with the boarding house kept by his wife for men employed on the new reservoir which is being built for the Springfield water works.

Artin is 40 years old and came here from Youngstown, O. Mrs. Artin's age was 30 years.

ALL MCCARREN'S WAY.

Democratic Leader in Kings County Carries The Day Again.

New York, Dec. 5.—Senator Patrick H. McCarren scored his final point last night in the fight for continued leadership of the Kings county democracy when he was once more elected chairman of the county committee by the executive committee at its annual meeting. The issue in McCarren's favor was settled by a vote of 22 to 6 on a resolution requesting McCarren to resign from the leadership and appoint a committee of five to name a person under whose leadership the party in Kings county might once more be unified. The majority by which this resolution was voted down left no doubt as to the final result. This came with the re-election of McCarren as chairman, the vote being 21 to 5 in his favor. All the other McCarren nominees for committee offices were elected by a practically identical vote.

REFUSED TO HONOR
REQUISITION OF JERSEY

Return East of Elliott A. Archer Denied
By Gov. Mead.

Seattle, Dec. 5.—Much to the surprise of representatives of Gov. Fort of New Jersey, who were armed with indictments pronounced regular, Gov. Mead of this state has refused to honor the requisition of the New Jersey chief executive for the return East of Elliott A. Archer, wanted for forgery amounting to \$50,000.

The contention of Gov. Mead is that the New Jersey officials will have to produce more evidence to offset the upright conduct of Archer during his seven years' residence in this state. Archer will probably be released to-day.

PRESIDENT ANNOYED.

No Truth in Stories of Recent Narrow Escape.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The president has expressed his annoyance at stories appearing in the newspapers crediting him with narrow escapes from injury. "The recent stories given out about the president having had narrow escapes from accidents, first with an automobile and now with the fire engine, are pure inventions," is the wording of an official bulletin issued at the White House yesterday.

"So far as the president is aware no automobile ever came near him. If it did the president did not notice it. As for the fire engine matter, the whole story is absurd and the newspapers have simply been imposed upon. The president's carriage was drawn up between the curb on one side of New Hampshire avenue, which is broad and which at the time was deserted. The fire engine was against the curb on a block distant when the fire engine horse fell. The fire engine could not have hit the president's carriage if it had tried."

A morning newspaper yesterday printed a long detailed story of how on Wednesday the driver of a fire engine threw his horses when they were hurrying to a fire at the residence of Representative London of Illinois, to avoid hitting the president's carriage, which was passing at the time.

REACHED A SETTLEMENT.

Board of Conciliation Gets Engineers and Pennsylvania Roads Together.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—A successful issue of the conference between representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburgh and the board of mediation consisting of Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission and Dr. Charles H. Nell, commissioner of labor, was reached last night.

An agreement proposed by the board of mediation was accepted by General Manager G. L. Peck of the Pennsylvania lines and by the board of adjustment of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Satisfaction was expressed by both sides to the controversy at the settlement agreed upon and the agreement was exchanged between the parties to the controversy in writing.

MUCH STOCK
IS BURNEDThrough Carelessness of Boys
This Morning

BLAZE AT WEST RUTLAND

Jay Cook of Whipple Hollows Lost \$5,000
in Burning of Barne, Eleven Cattle,
a Horse, Some Swine, and
Much Hay.

Rutland, Dec. 5.—The barn of Jay Cook at Whipple Hollow, West Rutland, was burned to the ground early this morning. Within the barn were eleven cattle, a horse, some swine and several tons of hay were destroyed. The loss is \$5,000. The fire is believed to have been due to the carelessness of boys who were attending a dance in the vicinity.

LOSS WAS \$7,000.

A. H. Royce's House at East Swanton Was Destroyed.

East Swanton, Dec. 5.—The house of A. H. Royce was burned yesterday afternoon. The flames having started from a defective chimney in the main part of the building. The loss was \$7,000, with insurance of \$3,800.

DESPONDENT MAN'S
TERRIBLE DEEDS

Jocmah Corkey of Boston, Tried to Kill
Wife, Set Fire to House and Then
Plunged Knife Into His Own
Throat.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Despondent and out of work, Jocmah Corkey of Jamaica Plain cut his wife's throat, set fire to the house and plunged the carving knife into his own throat today. He will die, and his wife is recovering. The fire did little damage.

BIG DAM COMPLETED.

Wooden Structure Across Connecticut at Bellows Falls Superceded.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 5.—The big concrete dam across the Connecticut is completed. The Abernethy construction company having placed the last concrete. The first concrete was placed in the middle of August and the exceptionally low water in the Connecticut has permitted very rapid and uninterrupted work on the dam. For a month or more the work has been pushed night and day. The new dam takes the place of the old wooden dam which for over a hundred years has held the water back at the falls. The new structure is built immediately below and against the old dam and is of the same height. The railway is 600 feet long. The dam is forty-five feet high in the deepest part of the river. This dam furnishes power for the International Paper company's mills as well as for several smaller industries on the river. It is owned by the Bellows Falls Canal company.

INJUNCTION ON SALE.

A Creditor of the St. Albans Shoe Company Had Advertised to Sell Stock
to Satisfy Chattel Mortgage
of \$2,200.

St. Albans, Dec. 5.—Deputy United States Marshal Thomas Reeves of Burlington this afternoon served an order, issued by H. C. Royce, referee in bankruptcy, on L. J. Morton and Sheriff C. C. Holmes to restrain them from selling the property of the St. Albans Shoe company which recently went into bankruptcy. Mr. Morton had foreclosed a chattel mortgage of \$2,200 on the stock, and the stock was advertised to be sold next Wednesday morning.

Attorney E. M. Blake, acting for some of the creditors applied for the injunction to restrain the sale until such time as a trustee had been appointed.

PROTEST NOT SUSTAINED.

Had Been Brought Before National Trotting Ass'n By L. M. Seaver.

New York, Dec. 5.—The board of review of the National Trotting association yesterday concluded its session with the rendering of several decisions. Attorney M. Seaver of Williamstown, Vt., brought a case against the Pine Tree stables of Lewiston, Me., protesting the entries of El Gale and Brownette in a race at the latter town, on the ground that they were from the same stable. The evidence showed that Brownette had changed hands and was not the same stable as El Gale and the protest was not allowed.

MAY HAVE TO ASSUME.

Reins of Government to Insure Peace in Hayti.

Port au Prince, Dec. 5.—It is believed that General Simon, who led the uprising which overthrew President Nord Alexis will be forced to assume the reins of government to insure peace. There are five candidates with strong following in the field.

PLANT DESTROYED.

And Watchman Lost His Life in The Ruins.

Morrisstown, Penn., Dec. 5.—Fire last night destroyed the plant of the Pennsylvania Art company and fatally burned Samuel Polk, the watchman. The concern is owned by the Abraham Hirsch Co.

Don't forget the chicken pie supper and apron sale on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th, at Hedding M. R. church.

WIDELY KNOWN IN VERMONT.

Francis Wayland Baldwin Died Yesterday in Mexico City.

St. Albans, Dec. 5.—The death of Francis Wayland Baldwin, a former general superintendent of the Central Vermont railway company, occurred yesterday morning at his home in the City of Mexico from ptomaine poisoning. He had been ill about two weeks. The cause of the poisoning may have been due to eating overripe strawberries although this is not positively established. The body will be brought here for burial.

Mr. Baldwin was widely known in Vermont as a railway executive and for many years was a prominent resident of this city. He resigned his position here in 1900 and at the time of his death was superintendent of the Intercontinental railway in Mexico. Mr. Baldwin came to St. Albans in 1891 from Ogdensburg where he had been superintendent of the Ogdensburg & Lake Champlain railroad. He was conspicuous in the social life of this city, a leading member of the Owl club and at one time a candidate for town representative.

He was born in Woodport, N. Y. in 1851 and had been a railroad man since 1869. From that year to 1881 he was with the Central Vermont; in 1881 superintendent of the Texas-Mexican railway; 1882, trainmaster and dispatcher of the same road; 1883, trainmaster of Mexican National railway; 1884 to October 4, 1886, assistant general superintendent of the Mexican National; October 4, 1886, to July 1, 1891, superintendent of the Ogdensburg & Lake Champlain division of the Central Vermont; July 1, 1891, to March, 1892, assistant general superintendent of the Central Vermont and March, 1892, to 1900, general superintendent of the same road.

Mr. Baldwin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Harriet William Baldwin, daughter of C. G. Williams of Essex Junction, and by one daughter, Annie, and three sons, Percy, Charles and Henry. He also leaves an adopted daughter, Miss Henrietta Baldwin. Two sons, Louis and Mr. Baldwin died in childhood.

SURELY SMALLPOX.

Says Dr. Holton About Brattleboro Disease.

Brattleboro, Dec. 5.—The executive officer of the state board of health, Dr. Henry D. Holton, issued yesterday a bulletin on the smallpox situation. It disposes of the belief which has gained ground in some quarters that the health officers have mistaken Cuban itch for smallpox by quoting a statement of the surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service of the United States, who said when asked what Cuban itch was that he did not know of any such disease and that all the cases he had seen of smallpox were genuine smallpox.

One new case of smallpox was reported here yesterday, the first in three days. Two suspicious cases in Jamaica were examined today. Pres. Charles S. Caverly of the state board of health has pronounced the illness of Mr. Luke T. Landman of South Londonderry a case of smallpox. Her husband, who is recovering from the disease, exposed many members of the legislature. Trouble over the quarantine in South Londonderry was narrowly avoided, the doctors there maintaining that the disease was not smallpox.

A REAL PLEASURE

Was Mr. Williams' Reading of "King Henry the Fourth."

The Shakespearean recital given last evening under the patronage of some of the prominent people of the city by the Hannibal Williams of New York, was largely attended. The great historical drama, "King Henry the Fourth," part first, was Mr. Williams' subject for interpretation. The ease and general manner with which he carried the play along, showing very distinctly the different characters, their attitudes and appropriate voices, pronounced the reader adopt in his subject. Perhaps Mr. Williams was at his best in the character of Sir John Falstaff, the witty, condescending, humorous rogue of the play. To those who had read or seen the play produced, came a real appreciation of the genuineness of the reader in this part. Mr. Williams' excellent memory never failed him once during the presentation, and at no time was he at a loss for his lines. It seemed almost like second nature to him. That the audience was well pleased with his efforts could not be doubted, for he was accorded a genuine applause at the close of each act and at the close of the recital.

ROWE WILL GO TO MEXICO.

Brattleboro Railroad Man Announces His Resignation.

Brattleboro, Dec. 5.—J. Rowe, Central Vermont station agent in Brattleboro the past 14 months has announced his resignation to take effect Dec. 20. He will go to his home in Binghamton, N. Y., for a visit and then there he will go to Boca del Toro, Panama, to become terminal superintendent of the Guangala railroad. This railroad is owned by the United Fruit company and its general manager is E. D. Nash, formerly superintendent of the southern division of the Central Vermont. It is about 100 miles long.

Mr. Rowe began his railroad work with the Pennsylvania system and in 1904 he became chief yard clerk on the Grand Trunk road at Toronto. Two years later he was agent for the Central Vermont company at White River Junction, and after that he was agent at Palmer and then at New London.

MILL AT STOWE BURNED.

J. J. Billings & Son Lose 50,000 Feet of Dressed Lumber.

Stowe, Dec. 5.—Fire last evening destroyed J. J. Billings & Son's upper mill with 50,000 feet of dressed lumber. The mill was situated above Stowe forks and the loss on the building is \$20,000. Seven or eight hands were employed at the mill but they had not been working yesterday afternoon. The mill was in operation yesterday morning and while the cause of the fire is unknown it may have resulted from a hot box. The flames were discovered at six o'clock and spread steadily in spite of the efforts of a large force of volunteer firemen to control it.

TO ABOLISH
TAX OFFSETSCommittee Reports and House
Favored Plan

MOTION WAS RECALLED

House, the Only Branch of Legislature in
Session To-day, Had Fears of Being
Locked Up Before Adjournment
Could Be Taken.

State House, Dec. 5.
The House (the only branch in session) had an awful scare this morning by the apprehension of some of the members that if the yeas and nays vote on adjournment was taken someone might raise the question of a quorum being present and that this would be followed by the locking of the doors and keeping the members in until enough could be located to make a quorum.

If there had been but ten present it would have been just the same. Mr. Barber of Brattleboro was in the chair in the absence of Speaker Cheney, and he looked up the rules and declared, to ease the feeling of unrest, that if the members voted to adjourn on the yeas and nays vote, the House would be adjourned.

It all happened like this. After considerable business had been transacted, a motion was made that when the House adjourn it be until Monday evening. This was carried by a standing vote, 66 to 39. It was evident then that there was not present the necessary 123 for a quorum. Later Mr. Scaver of Williamstown moved that the House adjourn, after he was informed by the speaker that the business remaining on the desk was of such a nature as to warrant the attention of a larger number of members than were present.

Mr. Howe of Bennington said that he wanted a record of the members who were present, as he wanted the people to know really the members who meant it when they voted to stay over Saturday and do business. He therefore called for a yeas and nays vote. It was then that some of the members became alarmed, as they had visions of conditions in which the members were locked in until enough not present could be called in to make a quorum.

Mr. Goodell of Whitehall asked the gentleman from Bennington to withdraw his demand for the yeas and nays. Mr. Lewis hoped the demand would not be made, because he said he could remember once when the legislature was tied up. Mr. Goodell asked Mr. Howe what would happen if somebody raised the question of a quorum. Mr. Howe replied that they could not raise the question until after the adjournment motion was taken, and in that case the House would be adjourned.

Mr. Martin of Brookline wanted Mr. Howe to consult with the members of the judiciary committee before forcing his demand for the yeas and nays. He said he had already consulted the best authorities in the House, Mr. Barber looked up the question and stated that if the House voted to adjourn, it would be adjourned. Then the yeas and nays vote was taken, which resulted in the adjournment, 107 to 17.

Some are of the opinion that anyone could have raised the question of a quorum even after the demand for the yeas and nays on adjournment had been made. Mr. Barber was of this opinion after looking up the rules of parliamentary procedure. Others were of the opinion that after the motion for adjournment was made nothing was in order until the vote on that subject had been taken. Others thought the question of a quorum could be raised before the speaker had directed the clerk to take the vote, but not after the vote had started. Others believed the quorum question could be raised at any time. It had been on any question but adjournment, there would have been danger after a vote that somebody might raise the question of a quorum.

The big taxation questions will be taken up by the House and Senate the first of the week. The House this morning advanced to a third reading House bill 206, providing for the doing away with offsets for debts owing, but after Mr. DeBoer had stated that this was one of the most important measures before the House and that it should have the consideration of the greatest number possible, the House moved to reconsider its vote and, upon motion of Mr. DeBoer, it was ordered to lie. Mr. DeBoer stated that this was one of the big taxation questions on which the special committee on taxation had decided to report favorably.

The other two which the committee also had decided to report favorably on were the one imposing a tax of five mills on the value of the land and the one coming into the Senate the first of the week creating a taxation commission. It had been decided to give these measures publicity so that all the members of both branches would have been danger after a vote that somebody might raise the question of a quorum.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Among the other acts of the House this morning was the kind of no less than five bills relating to the hunting of deer and one requiring teams to carry lights at night. A number of new bills were introduced also, being as follows: H. 563, by Mr. Barber for the committee on state and court expenses, to amend section 634 of the statutes relating to fees of jurors before a justice. Ordered to lie and be printed. H. 564, by the committee on corporations, to amend section 2 of No. 314 of the acts of 1904, entitled "An act to incorporate the Rutland County Telephone and Telegraph company. Capital stock not to exceed \$25,000. Ordered to lie and be printed. H. 565, by Mr. Howard from the com-

mittee on public health, to prohibit the discharge of sewage or other polluted matter into the waters of Lake Bomoseen. Penalty not less than \$20, nor more than \$200. Ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 566, by Mr. Davis from the committee on banks, requiring savings banks, savings institutions and trust companies to carry a cash reserve. 15 per cent. of commercial deposits and five per cent. of interest bearing deposits. Ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 567, by Mr. Hitchcock from the committee on agriculture, relating to evergreen trees. Dealers must procure a license and pay a cash reserve of one cent for each tree purchased. Ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 568, from the committee on banks, to amend section 4065 P. S., relating to dividends declared by savings banks. Provides that after accumulating five per cent. surplus and adding thereto one-eighth of one per cent. of the average amount of deposits for the preceding six months, semi-annual dividends not exceeding two per cent. may be declared. Ordered to lie and be printed.

BANK COMMISSIONER'S SALARY.

On motion of Mr. Bacon of Hartford, the House to-day reconsidered its vote of yesterday passing H. 515, relating to the salary of the bank commissioner, the bill being then amended so that it will take effect from passage, and it was then passed again.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE DOWNED.

Senate Killed the Bill Yesterday Afternoon by a Vote of 16 to 11.

The Senate yesterday afternoon killed the bill granting municipal suffrage to women who are taxpayers by a vote of 16 to 11, after a number of the senators had spoken on the subject.

Senator Flagg led off the opposition to the bill in what he termed "the interests of peace," although he prefaced his statement with, "I would do anything in this world for the most." He thought if the bill were passed it would mean war between husband and wife and would result in twice as many divorces as there are now. Senator Fihn of Windsor said that he had never heard a good reason why a woman who paid taxes should not have a voice in the matter of the expenditure of the taxes. Mr. Lewis of Lamont said he was for the ladies, first, last and all the time. Senator McLam said he was not a new advocate to the idea and had favored it for years. Senator Thayer favored the bill.

Senator Downer believed that the women who were taxed should have a voice. He also answered the argument that the women did not take advantage of their privilege now to vote for school commissioners by saying that if anything went wrong they would be there at the polls.

Senator Corry of Washington had the greatest respect for woman, but believed her sphere to be the home. He said he wished the senators would be honest in their voting. He said he would hate to have it said that a fine looking woman with a smooth tongue had come and put the Senate to sleep, and stated that she had not put him to sleep.

Senator Butler called attention to the fact that the women did not take advantage of the right of voting for school directors and he did not believe that a person should be given the privilege of the ballot if he or she did not use it. Senator McLam told how the women in South Ryegate turned out to a meeting and voted in a new schoolhouse when a balance of power was needed. Senator McIntyre told the story of how, in his town, they had to wait two years for a schoolhouse they wanted because two or three opponents of the measure went out and brought in their wives to vote.

The yeas and nays vote was called for by Senator Corry. The vote was as follows: yeas, Senators, Donahay, Fairbanks, Fihn, Gorham, Gross, Hobart, Lewis of Lamont, Lewis of Orleans, McLam, Thayer and Vance; nays, Senators Bingham, Bliss, Butler, Corry, Flagg, Gleason, Himes, Kennedy, Kidder, McIntyre, Orvis, Potter, Scott, Sherwin, Walker.

BANQUET FOLLOWED WORK.

Masons Meet and Entertain Brethren from Other Lodges.

Frank K. Goss of Montpelier, district deputy grand master of the sixth Masonic lodge, made his annual official visit to Granite Lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M., last evening. There were also visiting Masons present from the Montpelier, Northfield, Williamstown and Brookfield lodges, and the meeting was one of the largest attended that the local lodge has had in a long time. Altogether there were over 150 Masons present.

The M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate and in reviewing the work of the officers the district deputy commended them very highly, saying that the work was very nearly perfect. The Masonic male quartet assisted in the work, and their singing was an impressive feature of the degree. The quartet is composed of L. G. Griffiths, J. C. Wylie, Peter Mutch and W. H. Messer.

At the close of the meeting an enjoyable banquet was served in the banquet hall, followed by an informal program of speeches and songs. The toast was given by the worshipful master for remarks were, Past Master Frank Smith, Frank Martin, S. C. Hard, state representative from Arlington and master of the lodge there, Principal Fred J. Browncombe of Montpelier, Dr. J. E. Grimes of Montpelier, Charles Hignett of Brookfield, district deputy grand master of the fifth Masonic district, Past Master J. B. Cotts, Dr. C. F. Camp, Arthur Bigelow of Brookfield, Lincoln Barlow of Montpelier. The songs were rendered by Charles W. McMillan Jr., George Mitchell, Alex. Troupe, William Brown and District Deputy Goss. R. J. Stewart, who was made a master Mason that evening, delighted the company with a cleverly executed clog dance.

FELL AND BROKE ARM.

Mrs. John Calef of Washington Sustained Injury in Barre Last Night.

While walking on Merchant street and on the way to an entertainment in the Universalist church last night, Mrs. John Calef of Washington slipped and fell, striking her right arm and breaking it. The accident happened in front of the residence of Dr. J. E. McSwenny, and the injured woman was taken to the doctor's office. After the fracture had been attended to, Mrs. Calef was taken back to the sanitarium.

"DOKKIES" MEET AND EAT.

Annual Election of One of Barre's New Orders Held Last Evening.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Soudah temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khroabshan, was held at the Woodmen's hall last evening, with a full attendance. The officer elected for the ensuing year was as follows: royal vintner, W. H. Dutts; grand emir, L. L. Converse; secretary, J. J. Walker; treasurer, James Mackay; Mahedi, H. C. Ladd; Sheikh, C. D. Swasey; Satrap, J. N. Gall; Sahib, W. H. Farrar. Six candidates were initiated during the evening and from entering as mere tyros they came forth from the ordeal full-fledged "Dokkies." Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

2 TRUE BILLS,
2 NOT FOUNDReported by Orange County
Grand Jury

AFTER A BRIEF SITTING

County Court Excused Seven Jurors Because of
Deafness—One Case Tried
and Another Is Now Being
Heard.

Chelsea, Dec. 5.—After a sitting of three days the Orange county grand jury has reported two true bills and two bills not found. After reporting, they were excused for the term. Attorney General John G. Sargent of Ludlow was before the grand jury Wednesday and Thursday presenting the evidence in the case of State vs. Mike Niemec, a Poleander, who was bound over to county court in September, being charged with the murder of a fellow Poleander at Stratford. The evidence in this case was given through an interpreter, Joseph Golden of Springfield, Mass.

At the opening of court there were seven of the petit jurors excused, most of them on account of deafness, which is a striking testimonial to the fact that the board of civil authority which constitute the committee who nominate the jurors in each town fail to recognize in every aspect what the qualifications of a juror should be.

The first civil case ready for trial was an action for false warranty growing out of a horse trade, the parties being Felix Dumontier vs. Felix Johndro, both of Bradford. This was a short case and only occupied the attention of the court one-half day, going to the jury Wednesday afternoon. After about two hours' deliberation they returned through their foreman, D. R. Bradbury of Washington, a verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$60.42 and costs. F. S. Williams of Bradford was counsel for the plaintiff and David S. Conant of Bradford, counsel for the defendant.

The second civil case which is now on trial and which bids fair to take up two or three days in next week is a case of trespass, the parties being Gardner S. Felendy of Fairlee vs. I. B. Andrews of Lisbon, N. H. One of the striking features in this case was empanelling the jury which exhausted all the jurors who were not on the first case and eight takersmen were drawn, among them being Attorneys J. S. Darmon and E. W. Smith of Wells River are the counsel for Mr. Andrews.

WORKMEN DISCHARGED
FOR THEIR NEGLIGENCECentral Vermont Railroad Dismissed Them from Service, Reports the
State Railroad Commission.

The state board of railroad commissioners reports that the Central Vermont railroad company has discharged a flagman and the conductor on one train and the whole crew of another train, because of alleged failure to do their duty, which caused a collision between a southbound passenger train and an extra southbound freight at East Gran